States forces to conduct operational missions in connection with the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks necessitates this action. A copy of my Executive Order implementing this action is attached.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House, September 14, 2001.

NOTE: The proclamation and Executive order of September 14 are listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

Remarks to Police, Firemen, and Rescueworkers at the World Trade Center Site in New York City September 14, 2001

Audience members. U.S.A.! U.S.A.! U.S.A.!

The President. Thank you all. I want you all to know——

Audience member. Can't hear you.

The President. I can't go any louder. [Laughter]

I want you all to know that America today—America today is on bended knee in prayer for the people whose lives were lost here, for the workers who work here, for the families who mourn. This Nation stands with the good people of New York City and New Jersey and Connecticut as we mourn the loss of thousands of our citizens.

Audience member. I can't hear you.

The President. I can hear you. I can hear you. The rest of the world hears you. And the people who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon.

Audience members. U.S.A.! U.S.A.! U.S.A.!

The President. The Nation sends its love and compassion to everybody who is here. Thank you for your hard work. Thank you for making the Nation proud. And may God bless America.

Audience members. U.S.A.! U.S.A.! U.S.A.!

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:40 p.m. at Murray and West Streets.

Statement on Congressional Action on Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Legislation To Address the September 11 Terrorist Attacks September 14, 2001

I am gratified that the Congress has united so powerfully by taking this action.

It sends a clear message—our people are together, and we will prevail.